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Title : Operating Method for a Data Bus with a Plurality of Nodes

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the patent Office Action dated April 20, 2005, Applicants' present the following comments addressed to the particulars of the rejection of claims 5-12.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the discussion below.

In response to the previous arguments presented in the Reply filed on November 19, 2004, the Examiner maintains his rejection on the grounds that the reference to Weis discloses "the start time is solely a function of the hierarchical transmission sequence" making reference to positions E, F, B and C and referring to column 7, lines 58 to column 8, line 25.

Applicants submit once again that in Weis, the starting of transmission of the information signal is not solely a function of a hierarchical transmission sequence.